What y. consequences to y. North if Texas is annexed?

1. The North endorses y. whole conduct of y. Seizure of Texas, and its occupancy by y. Robber Horde who have gone thither. =

2. ~~Annexa~~ We shd. be involved in new & interminable wars with Indian Tribes. Surely we now have enough to answer for, of these.
   The Camanches a Savage & formidable Tribe.

3. Pecuniary Loss. Debt of Texas, $10,000,000, which y. U.S. must of course assume, and which (equally of course) must be mainly paid by y. Free States.
   [Cost of y. Florida War ~~to y. Nat~~ some $40,000,000, chiefly taken from y. North – as well also thousands of valuable lives of men – not officers, for y. South furnishes officers!]

4. We must be made y. tools & instruments, for extending Slavery! — over y. vast territory. —

H. A. Wise's profligate boast — "Texas shall be ours, and Slavery shall spread itself over that land, yes and over the now wild & trackless lands of y. West, & nought shall stay its progress till it reaches y. Pacific Seas." Oh! what words to be uttered in y. Halls of y. Amn. Congress! What words for those who meet under y. constitution to which Adams, Franklin, Hancock, Jefferson,

affixed their names. Wh. ~~Oh! how fallen~~: Washington swore to support! Oh! how fallen. How have y. mighty been dishonored! — where has y. Spirit of liberty gone, yt. in this land so vile & despotic a sentiment cd. be uttered, & not awaken ~~one~~ loud voice of rebuke and indignation! of execration & horror!

Texas without Slavery! The thing is impossible, Showed y. other night yt. this war ~~its~~ y. g. great object.

~~[illegible]~~ See "Boston Courier" (Semi-Weekly) of April 8. 1844, article signed A. on Texas, &c. No. 4; in which the fact is stated that when Texas attempted to treat with Mr. Forsyth, under Van Buren, she required "unmolested authority over her slave population."

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5. Slavery will then have completely bound us hand & foot. Texas is 5 times as large as Virginia — will make 6 or 7 States as large as Kentucky. 45 times as large as Massachusetts. 350,000 sq. miles —

In view of this state of things, even Dr. Channing, nearly 7 yrs. ago, said that it was his firm opinion, ~~that~~ annexation shd. be dissolution. [Letter to H. Clay, p. 53.]

If we be friends to Freedom, and Enemies of Slavery, we shall keep Texas out. If joined to Mexico again, she must liberate her Slaves. [If standing by herself, Engd. will doubtless induce her to emancipate] Will we do less for freedom than Mexico? Protestantism less than Popery?
again. The Slavery of this Country will receive a powerful blow from ye. downfall of Slavery in Texas.

[See Tribune
March 30. 1844]. Extract quoted on other paper]

{ Pecuniarily, I believe it wd. be best for ye. North to keep Texas out — then we make our own bargain with her for her produce, & our manufactures.

Character of ye. Men who are forcing on Annexation.

1. Senator Walker's pamphlet — he has been offered $40,000 for his lands in Texas, & refused it.
2. Gilmer had all he was worth, & more, invested in Texan land Scrip. 3. Upshur too, largely in.
4. Doubtless 'Tyler, too'.

Constitutionality - cannot fully enter on this. Mr. Jeff
thought y. addition of Louisiana unconstl. - he only defended it
from y. necessity of y. case, and urged an amendt. to y. Const. to
cover this act. (Miserable plea.) See, C. M. Clay's Resdu
" Dr. Channing, on Te
p. 48. 53.

Duty to Separate from y. Slave States if Texas is annexed

Even now, we are y. strong hand wh. holds up Slavery!
Hear Underwood & Arnold, (as quoted by D. Fuller jr.) The
Dissolution of y. Union is y. Destruction of Slavery.

G. McDuffie's empty & conceited boastings of y. So. Westn. Confe
came too late, it is to be hoped, to deceive Northerners any more - for
~~they do not deceive~~ y. South itself comes out and gives y. lie to
them. 2

C. M. Clay's Testy. on Texas - his "Resolutions" & Speech
See, Natl. A. S. Standard, Feb. 22,
1844.

{ He declares Annexation of T. just cause
for Dissolution of y. Union }

3.

It is an awful, but too certain, fact, that the great
policy of this U. S. Govt. is the Extension & Fostering of
Slavery! Belief in this confirmed by
an admirable series of Essays in Courier on Texas.

"The general policy of y. country has been
that of protection to y. interest of Slavery."

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Texas.

Dr. Channing says –

"To me it seems not only y. right, but y. duty of y. free States, in case of y. annexation of Texas, to say to y. Slaveholding States, We regard this act as y. dissolution of y. Union," &c. &c. [See also, even more emphatic, his 2d part of the "Duty of the Free States" – p. 446, 2d vol of my Eng. Ed. of Channing]

A letter from David Hayden, U.S. Revenue Collector of Natchitoches, Sept. 6. 1843, says,

"To those practically acquainted with y. effect wh. y. abolition of Slavery in Texas wd. have upon y. institution of Slavery as existing in y. South, there can remain but one opinion. With y. South it is a question of *Self-Preservation*. If y. annexation of Texas to y. Union becomes necessary to prevent y. erection of Texas into a Non-Slaveholding Republic, then y. whole of y. Southern & So. Western slave-holding States will demand y. Annexation, at whatever sacrifice or cost. If war is y. price, y. price must be paid; *Slavery must continue to exist in Texas, or cease to exist in the United States*." This is proved by y. fact that there is a frontier line of 1500 miles, over wh. Slaves cd. escape, there being no natural Barrier, such as (it is said) *y. Alps*. Now, it is only y. river Sabine.

Argument, or Syllogism

~~The Annexation of Tex~~
to prove that the Protection and Extension of Slavery
is y. settled Policy of this Government.

"The Annexation of Texas is the Settled Policy of this Govt" - says Mr. Holmes of S. C.

But, y. Annexation of Texas is identical with Protection to, and Extension of y. Slavery.

Ergo. Protection to, & Extn. of, Sl: is y. Settled Policy of this Government. q: e: d:

Maintained ye England wants Texas.

A letter in Boston Courier, from Washington April 8. 1844, says, "By ye last Steamer, Mr. Packenham [British Minister] received a despatch from Lord Aberdeen, in wh. ye English Ministry expressly disown any intention to listen to offers from Texas, and any desire to enter into any more intimate relations than already subsist between ye two countries." — "This pretended fear of British influence, which Texan Speculators have descanted upon with so much energy, and no little effect, must be dissipated by ye ~~fa~~ fact here stated."

Mr Nelson's Speech.

Position taken t. other evening, th. we cd not so well tell what we ought to do, as if contingency had happened!

[What! may we not look forward to probable circumstances & say what we ought to do?

[Man drowning.] People are not used, if *wise*, to wait till they are in t. midst of peril & on t. verge of destruction, before ~~taking any~~ determining what measures are useful & right. We buy an Engine - if there shd. be a Conflagration we say it shd. be used.]

It was intimated that if Texas were to come in, t. blessings of our *political*, literary & *religious* institutions, might be extended to her. "Providence might thus work by wicked agents."!!!

If *dissolved*, Europe wd. cry out & say. There was an end of Free Govt.! [No! indeed then, under GOD, a *free* govt. shd. *begin*.]

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